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BANDITS! MIGS AT 5 O'CLOCK! BREAK RIGHT!

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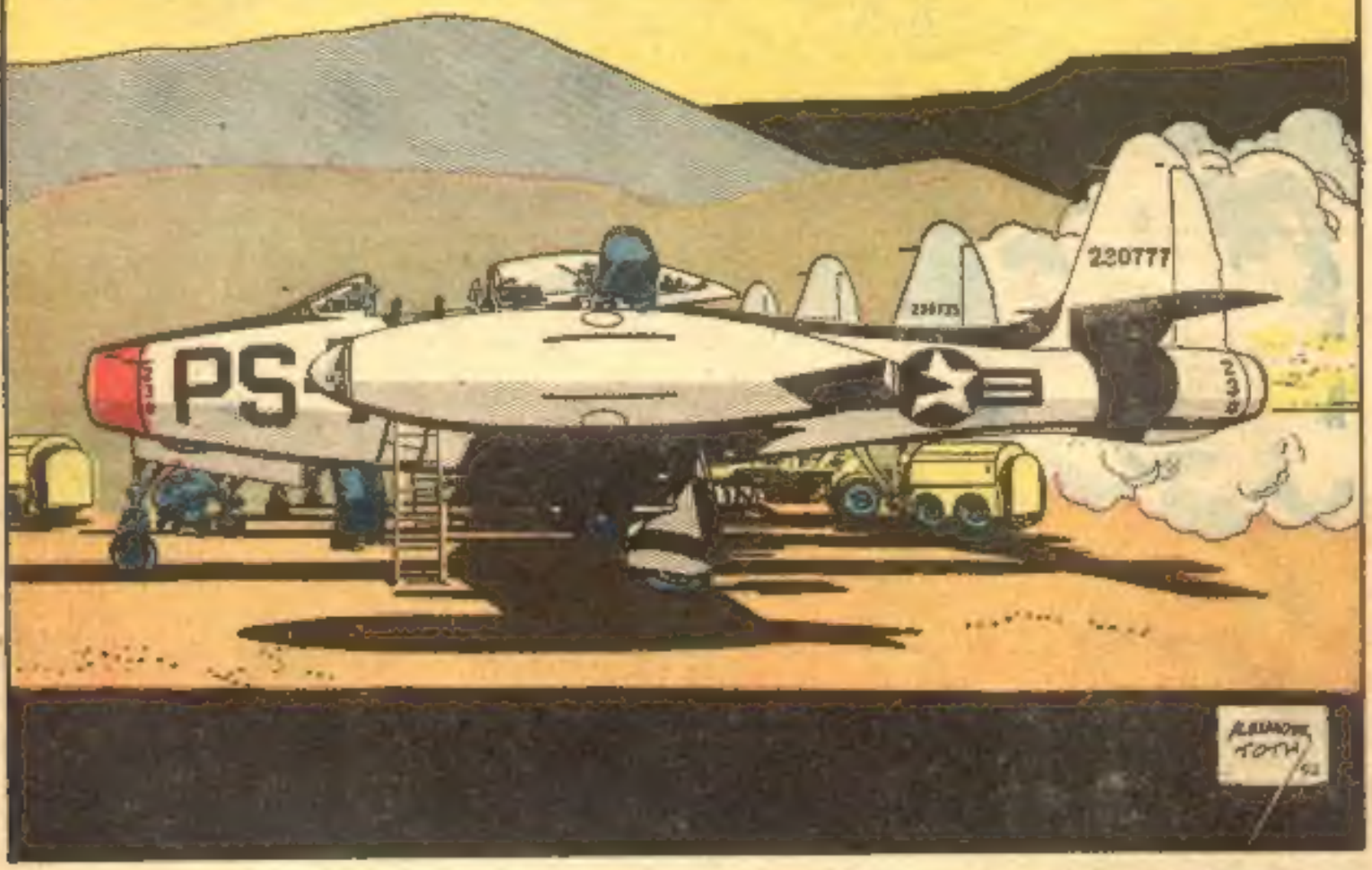
THIS STORY IS BASED ON FACT... THE STORY OF A MISSION, AS NEAR TO THE TRUTH AS WE CAN MAKE IT! WE ARE GOING TO TAKE YOU FOR A RIDE OVER KOREA! WE ARE GOING TO TAKE YOU FOR A RIDE OVER 'MIG ALLEY'! WE ARE GOING TO TAKE YOU WITH US IN A...

THUNDERJET!



IT IS OCTOBER 1951! YOU ARE TROTTING IN THE SHOES OF CAPT. *WOOD PALADINO* ACROSS A KOREAN AIR BASE!

YOU HAVE BEEN BRIEFED BY THE WEATHER OFFICER, THE GROUND OFFICER, AND YOU HAVE BRIEFED YOUR FLIGHT!

AN ENEMY TRAIN IS CUT OFF ON A BOMBED OUT TRACK! YOUR JOB WILL BE TO *DESTROY THAT TRAIN!*

HEY, JOHNNY! ... SHE ALL SET TO GO?
YESSIR, CAPTAIN! SHE'S ALL CHECKED OUT AND READY!
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I MADE THE MINOR ADJUSTMENTS YOU TOLD ME ABOUT! SHE OUGHT TO BURN FINE!
...ORDNANCE O.K.? ...ARMING WIRES IN? YEAH! SHE SEEMS ALL SET TO GO!
TEN MINUTES TO TAKE-OFF! LET'S FIRE UP THEM ENGINES!
...DIVE BRAKE UP? YEP! JOHNNY'S SIGNALING THE BRAKES UP!
GOL-DARNED TAIL-PIPE RUMBLE! I'LL SHUT THE CANOPY!
ABLE LEADER TO RAZZLE TOWER...
MISSION 2120! REQUEST TAXI INSTRUCTIONS FOR FOUR!
ROGER! YOU ARE CLEARED TO RUNWAY 22!
RASMUSSEN TO WOOD! CAN YOU HEAR ME?
ROGER, RAS!
GUNN TO WOOD! ...RECEIVING ME?
RIGHTO, GUNN!
ROBERTS TO PALADINO...
ROGER, ROB!
CONDUCT CONTROL! THIS IS MISSION 2120! PRE-BRIEF! OVER!
...MISSION 2120, ROGER! CONTINUE AS BRIEFED! CALL US OUTBOUND! OVER AND OUT!
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THEY'RE THROWIN' FLAK!
LEADER TO FLIGHT! TARGET SPOTTED AT TWO O'CLOCK! WE'LL MAKE OUR RUN FROM NORTH TO SOUTH AS BRIEFED!
ARM YOUR BOMBS!
LOOKS LIKE A GOOD HIT, WOOD!
ORBIT THE TARGET! WE'LL MAKE OUR NEXT RUN AS BRIEFED!
WORK OVER THE SOUTH END WITH YOUR NAPALM!
LET'S— PEEL OFF!
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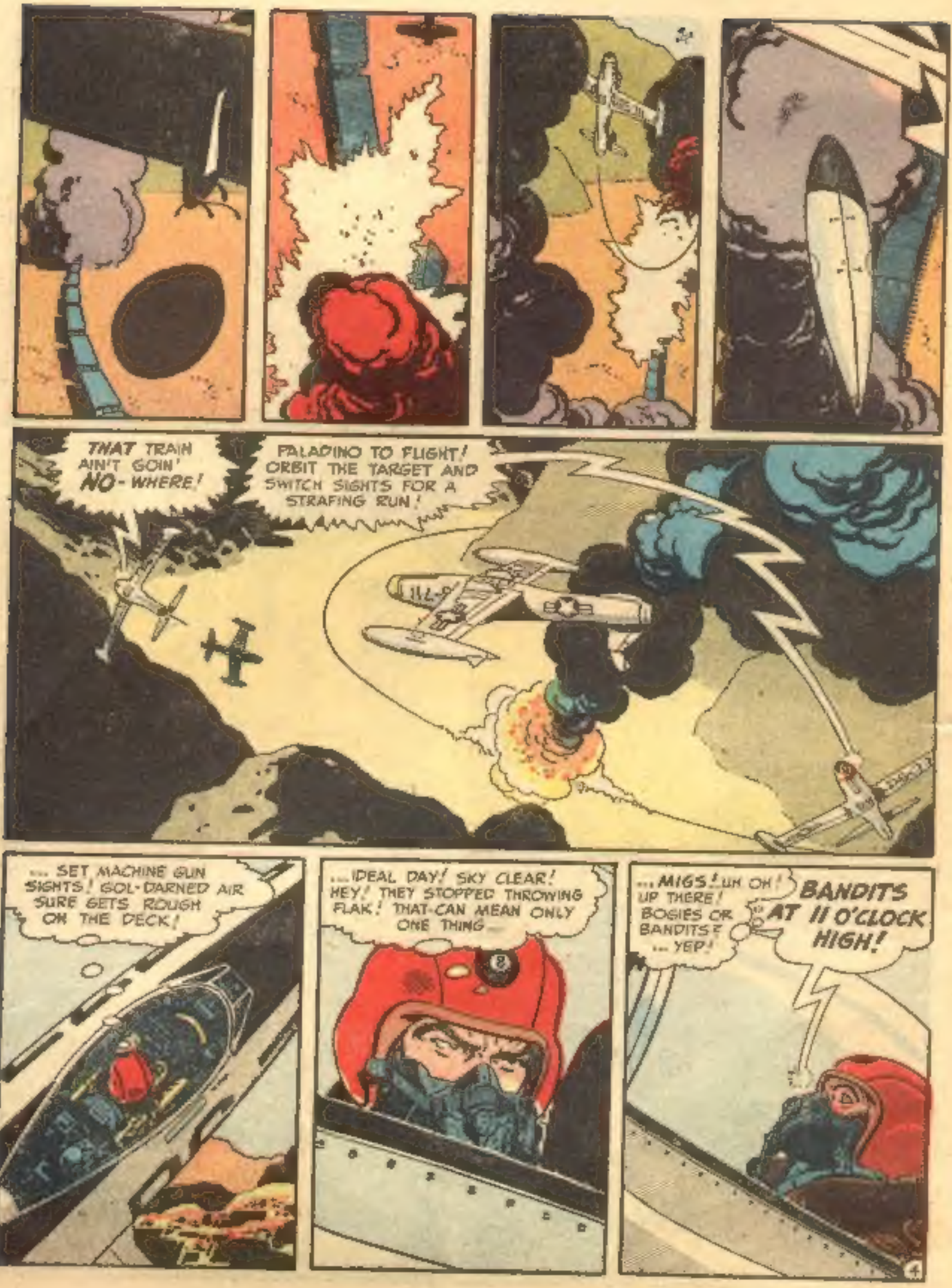
THAT TRAIN AIN'T GOIN' NO-WHERE!
PALADINO TO FLIGHT! ORBIT THE TARGET AND SWITCH SIGHTS FOR A STRAFING RUN!
... SET MACHINE GUN SIGHTS! GOL-DARNED AIR SURE GETS ROUGH ON THE DECK!
...IDEAL DAY! SKY CLEAR! HEY! THEY STOPPED THROWING FLAK! THAT-CAN MEAN ONLY ONE THING—
...MIGS! UH OH! UP THERE! BOGIES OR BANDITS? ... YEP!
BANDITS AT 11 O'CLOCK HIGH!
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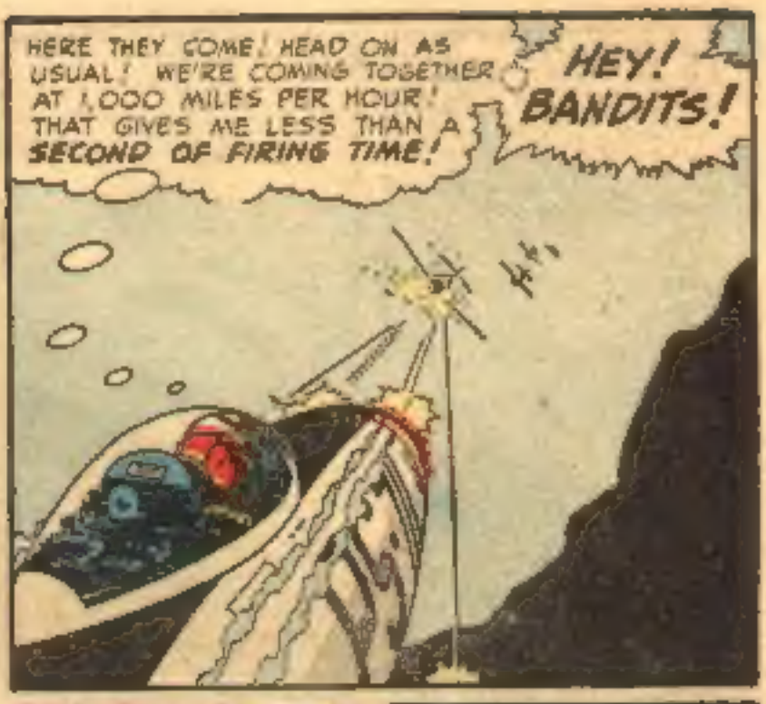
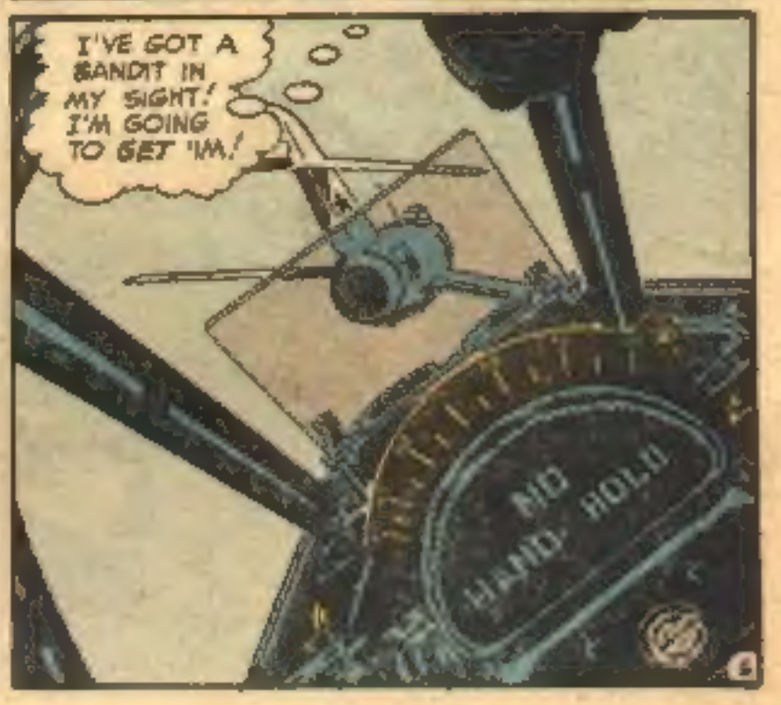
FOUR BANDITS!
I SEE THEM!
LET'S TAKE 'EM!


HERE THEY COME! HEAD ON AS USUAL! WE'RE COMING TOGETHER AT 1,000 MILES PER HOUR! THAT GIVES ME LESS THAN A SECOND OF FIRING TIME!
HEY! BANDITS!

...AT SEVEN... BREAK LEFT!

FOUR MIGS AT TWO O'CLOCK! BREAK RIGHT!

BREAK LEFT!
8 MIGS ONE O'CLOCK HIGH!
BANDIT TRYING TO BOUNCE YOU, RASMUSSEN!
HOLD THAT FORMATION!
BREAK LEFT!
@*%#! MIGS EVERYWHERE!


I'VE GOT A BANDIT IN MY SIGHT! I'M GOING TO GET 'IM!
NO HANDS HOLD

HE DOESN'T KNOW I'M BACK HERE!
HE'S THROTTLING BACK! HE DOESN'T SEE ME!
...GOT TO CRAWL RIGHT UP THE @☆~*#&! TAIL PIPE... CLOSER... CLOSER...
NOW!
HIT HIM SQUARE! I'M SURE OF IT! LOOK AT HIM CLIMB! THOSE MIGS ARE FAST!
THIS F84 IS A FIGHTER BOMBER! CAN'T MAKE A FIGHTER BOMBER FLY LIKE A FIGHTER!
WOOP! HE'S SMOKING! HE'S IN TROUBLE!
HE'S LOSING SPEED! NOW I'LL GET...
GUNN HERE! I'VE GOT TWO ON MY TAIL SHOOTING GOLF BALLS! HAVE YOU GOT ME IN SIGHT?
GUNN'S IN TROUBLE! THERE HE IS!
WOOD TO GUNN! I'VE GOT YOU IN SIGHT! FIRING NOW!
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I'VE GOT HIM IN SIGHT ALL RIGHT! I'LL NEVER CLOSE IN TIME! IF ONLY WE HAD 20 MM CANNON LIKE THE MIGS DO!
HE SPOTTED ME! IF I HAD A CANNON I COULD'VE KNOCKED HIM DOWN! THIS FIGHTER BOMBER CARRIES A HEAVY LOAD AS IT IS WITHOUT A CANNON!
UH-OH! FUEL DOWN TO 2300 LBS! TIME TO GO HOME!
LEADER TO FLIGHT! SWEET ADELINE!
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THE MIGS ARE BREAKING FOR HOME TOO... LIKE A SKY FULL OF BUCKSHOT! THOSE JETS ARE BEING FLOWN BY KIDS... NO FORMATION, NO NOTHING! THEY COME UP, EVERY DAY, LIKE A CLASS ROOM!
THAT'S WHAT THIS IS! A BIG CLASS ROOM--THOSE MIGS AREN'T TRAINING FOR NOTHING! AND THEY'RE LEARNING FAST!
THE FLIGHT'S WAITING FOR ME TO CATCH UP!
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ABLE LEADER TO CONDUCT CONTROL! THIS IS MISSION 2120!
ROGER ABLE LEADER!
TARGET ATTACKED AND DESTROYED!
ROGER! PROCEED! YOU ARE CLEARED TO BASE! OVER!
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ABLE LEADER CALLING RAZZLE TOWER! ABLE LEADER CALLING RAZZLE TOWER!
RAZZLE TOWER! COME IN ABLE LEADER!
ABLE LEADER REQUESTS LANDING INSTRUCTIONS FOR FOUR! WE'RE ROLLING IN!
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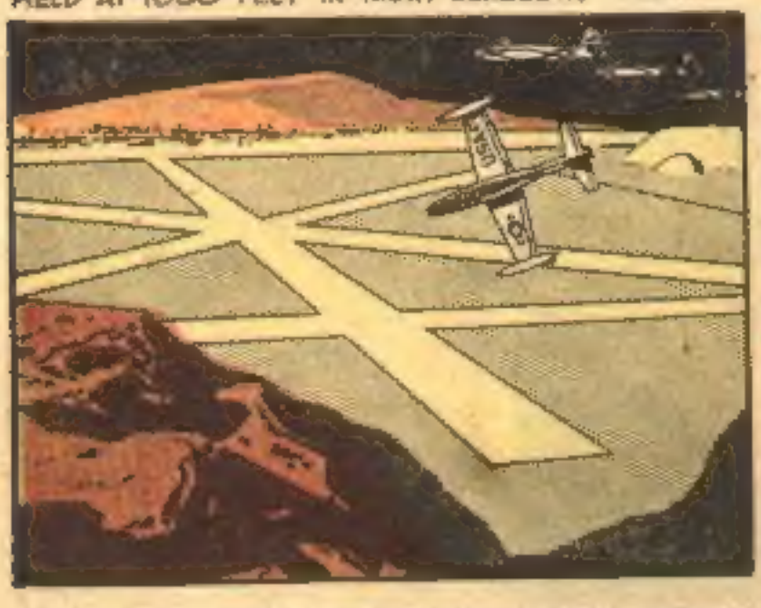
YOU'RE ROLLING IN! YOUR MISSION IS FINISHED AND YOU'RE ROLLING IN! YOU STREAK ACROSS THE FIELD AT 1000 FEET IN RIGHT ECHELON! THEN...



THEN YOU GRACEFULLY PEEL OFF... BRAKE, FLAPS AND TRICYCLE LANDING GEAR DOWN, AND YOUR SKIMMING MACHINE *TOUCHES GROUND AGAIN!*

YOU HAVE LANDED! YOU NOW TAXI YOUR JET DOWN TO THE GROUP OF WAITING CREWMEN! NEWS OF YOUR VICTORY HAS ALREADY REACHED THEM!

YOU SHOVE BACK THE CANOPY, JERK OFF THE CLUMSY HELMET AND YOU CLIMB TO THE GROUND TO INSPECT DAMAGE THE MIGS HAVE DONE TO YOUR STURDY PLANE!

AND AS YOU FINGER THE TORN ALUMINUM, YOU THINK OF THE 20 MM CANNON THE MIGS HAVE!

AND THEN YOU THINK HOW THE MIGS GO FASTER THAN YOU, AND YOU THINK HOW THE MIGS OUTNUMBER YOU...

AND YOU THINK OF THAT CLASSROOM IN THE SKY! AND THEN YOU THINK... WE'D BETTER DO SOMETHING, *SOON*...

...*PRETTY GOL-DARNED SOON!*

IN 55 B.C., A HUGE GERMAN TRIBE, THE USIPETES, SWARMED ACROSS THE RHINE INTO BELGIUM. INTO GAUL... INTO THE ROMAN EMPIRE! AND SO, *HE* RODE FORTH TO HALT THE GERMANS! HE WROTE BOOKS! HE WAS A POLITICAL BIG-SHOT! HE WAS GENERAL OF GENERALS! HE WAS JULIUS...

CAESAR!

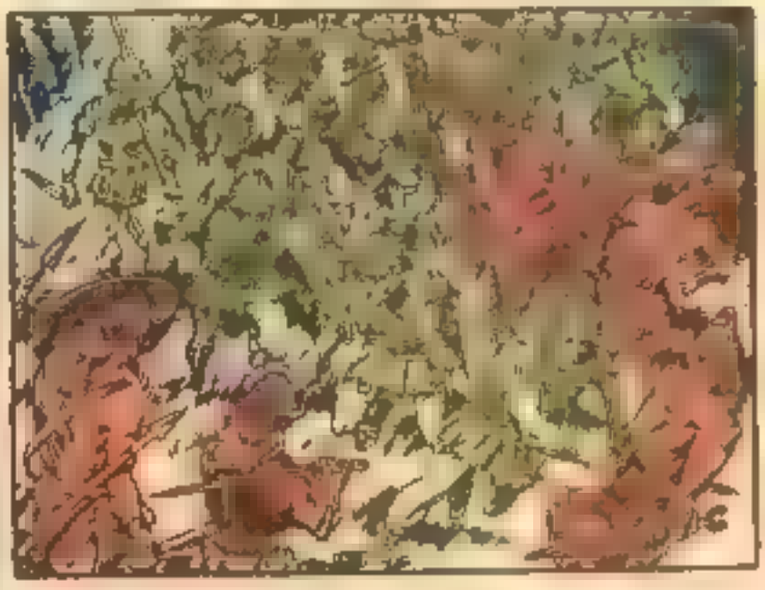
THE GERMANS HAD PLUNDERED ROMAN TERRITORY *THEY DEFIED CAESAR!* AND SO... THE BATTERING RAM *FELL!*

THE GERMANS HAD AMBUSHED THE ROMAN CAVALRY *THEY ATTACKED CAESAR!* AND SO...THE BATTERING RAM *FELL!*

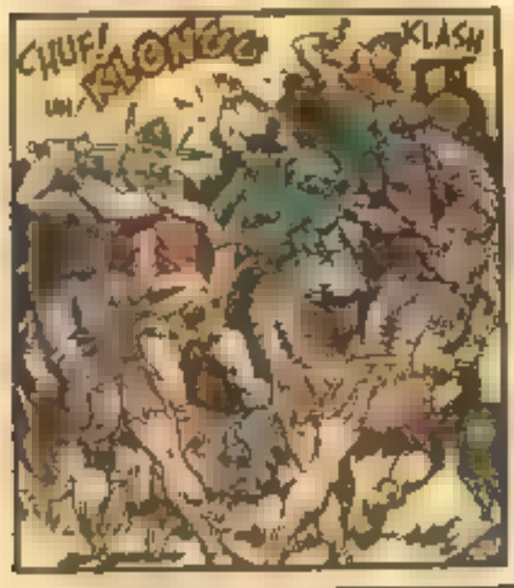
THE GERMANS HAD BROKEN PLEDGES! *THEY HAD DOUBLE-CROSSED CAESAR!* AND SO... THE BATTERING RAM *FELL!*

CAESAR WAS ANGRY! ON AN EARLY APRIL MORNING, CAESAR'S LEGIONS ATTACKED WITHOUT WARNING NOW THE GERMAN PALISADE WAS GIVING WAY!

CAESAR SOUGHT VENGEANCE! THE GERMANS HAD NO TIME TO ORGANIZE THEIR SURPRISED CAMP THE ROMANS POURED THROUGH THE BREACH!



THE LEGIONNAIRES MOVED IN STABBING AND CHOPPING.. AND THEY KILLED ALL THE GERMAN MEN!



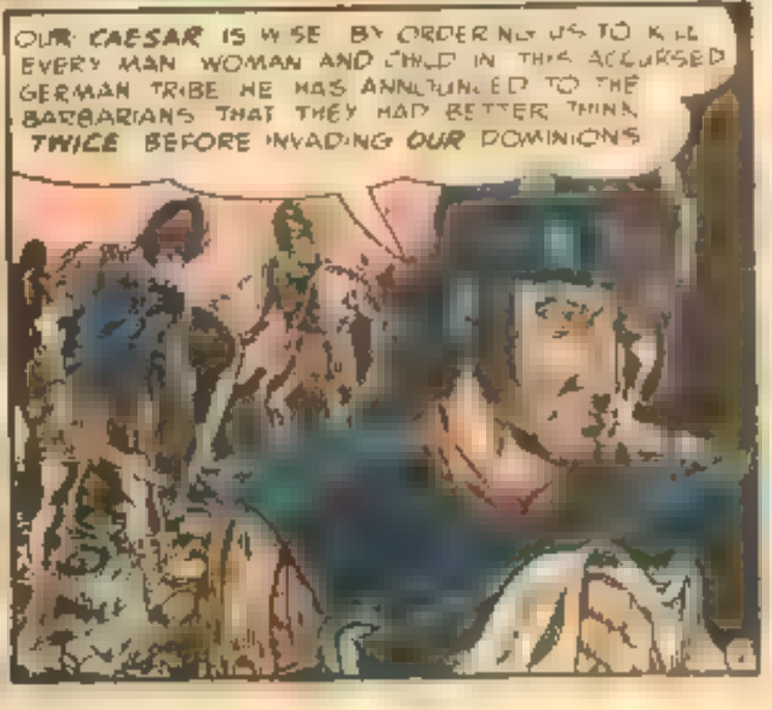
THE TERRIBLE SHRIEKING OF THE WOMEN WAS NOT FOR LONG FOR THEY KILLED ALL THE GERMAN WOMEN!

AND THEN THE FINAL HORROR INNOCENTS PUT TO THE SWORD THEY KILLED ALL THE GERMAN CHILDREN!

AH MARCUS THIS HAS BEEN LIKE A DAY AT THE SLAUGHTER HOUSE MY SWORD ARM IS WEARY

IT SHOULD BE, CAIUS MY FRIEND! THEY SAY WE HAVE KILLED NEAR HALF A MILLION HERE!

OUR CAESAR IS WISE BY ORDERING US TO KILL EVERY MAN WOMAN AND CHILD IN THIS ACCURSED GERMAN TRIBE HE HAS ANNOUNCED TO THE BARBARIANS THAT THEY HAD BETTER THINK TWICE BEFORE INVADING OUR DOMINIONS



IN 51 B C THE VETERAN ROMAN ARMY MADE ITS LAST MARCH THROUGH GALLIC FRANCE! AND CAESAR WATCHED HIS FOOT SOLDIERS MARCH BY!

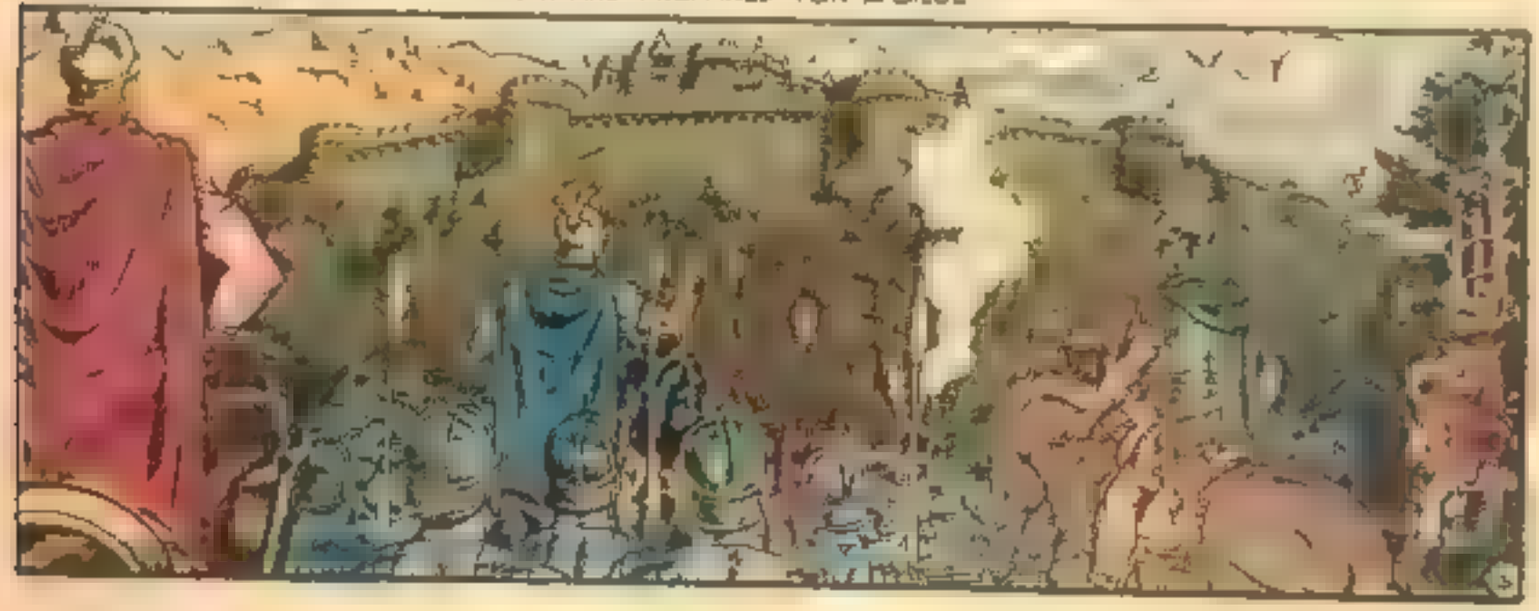
FRANCE WAS NOW ANOTHER ROMAN PROVINCE ALMOST COMPLETELY CONQUERED AND JULIUS CAESAR WATCHED HIS CAVALRY RIDE BY

ALMOST COMPLETELY CONQUERED! FOR ONE LITTLE TOWN HELD OUT! CAESAR'S ARCHERS MARCHED BY!

THE LITTLE WALLED TOWN OF UXELLODUNUM DEFIED CAESAR. CAESAR'S SLINGMEN MARCHED BY!

THE ROMAN JUGGERNAUT ADVANCED TO LAY SIEGE TO A CASTLE TOWN. CAESAR'S WAR MACHINES ROLLED BY!

UXELLODUNUM! A WALLED CASTLE TOWN ON A HIGH PLATEAU OVERLOOKING THE WILD COUNTRYSIDE OF ANCIENT SOUTH FRANCE. HEADQUARTERS OF A BANDIT CHIEF WHO DEFIED CAESAR! AND SO THE ROMAN ARMY DREW UP AROUND UXELLODUNUM AND PREPARED FOR A SIEGE



RASH DEFENDERS! DOOM IS UPON YOU! THE ROMANS WHEELED UP SHIELDS AND ARMORED SHEDS THEREIN, THEY PREPARED THE GROUND FOR A PLATFORM

DOOM IS UPON YOU, FOR CAESAR IS AN ENGINEER AND A SIEGE IS HIS MEAT! SOON MIGHTY BATTLE TOWERS ROSE UP TO OVERLOOK UXELLODUNUM!

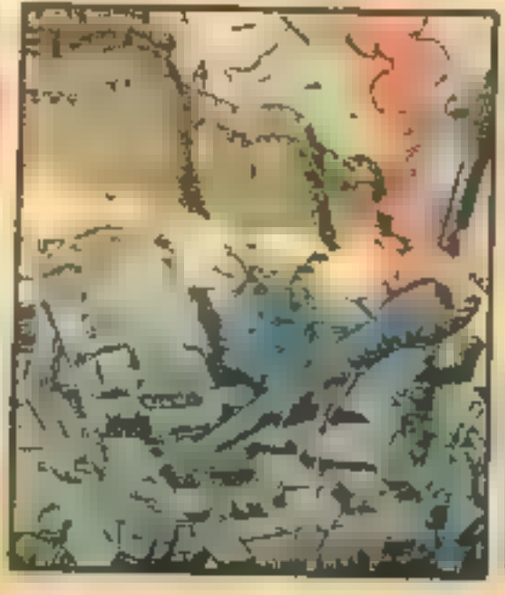
AND THEN THE HEAVY MACHINES WERE DRAGGED TO THE TOWER TOPS... THE LITTLE SCORPIO...

A MOUNTED CROSSBOW ACCURATE AND DEADLY AT 500 FEET THE SCORPIO THAT PINNED SHIELD TO CHEST!

THE HEAVIER CATAPULTA BENT BACK AND BALKED LIKE A SAPLING LIKE A HUGE WOODEN SPRING!

THEN RELEASED, DRIVING FOUR HUGE JAVELINS THROUGH THE AIR STRAIGHT AS A CANNON SHOT!

THE BALLISTA, WINDING UP A THONG LIKE A MONSTER RUBBER BAND AND LOADED WITH A FIRE POT!

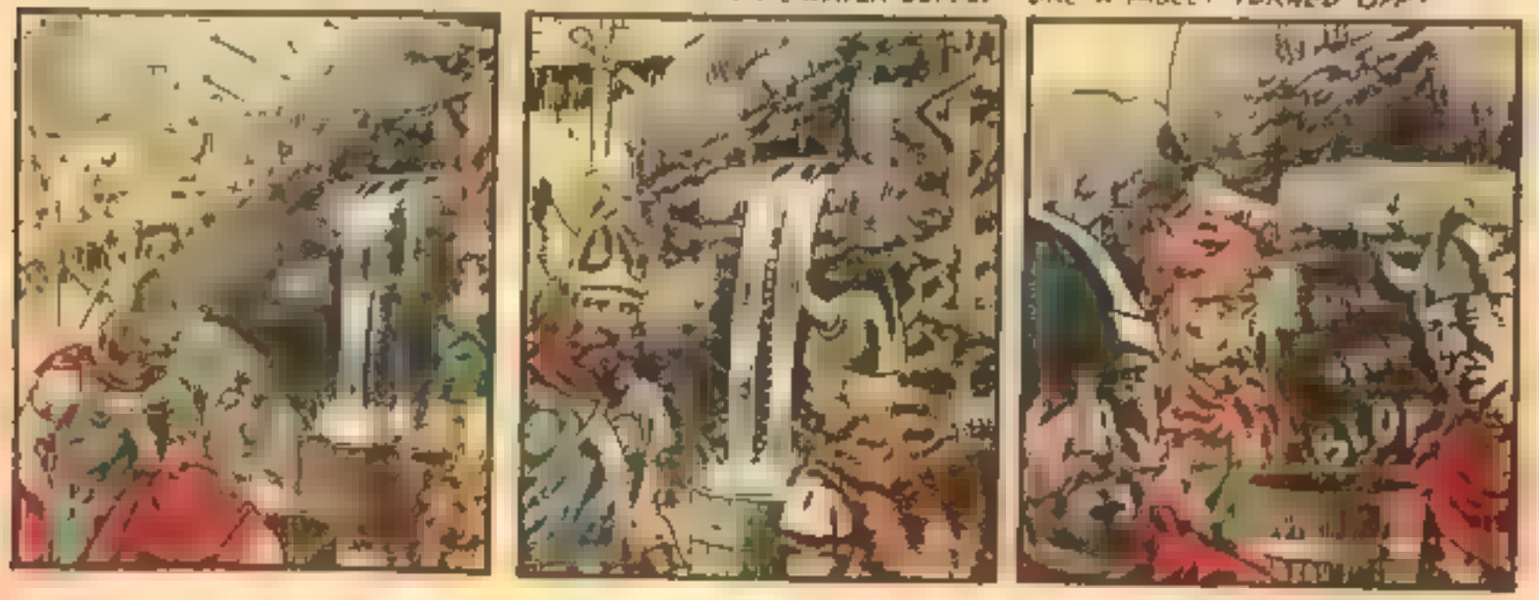


THEN TRIGGERED, SLINGING ITS AMMUNITION HIGH UP INTO THE SKY, ARCHING OVER AND DOWN AGAIN!

BUT IT WAS *NOT ENOUGH!* WHILE THE ROMAN ENGINEERS WORKED ABOVE GROUND THEY ALSO TOILED BELOW!

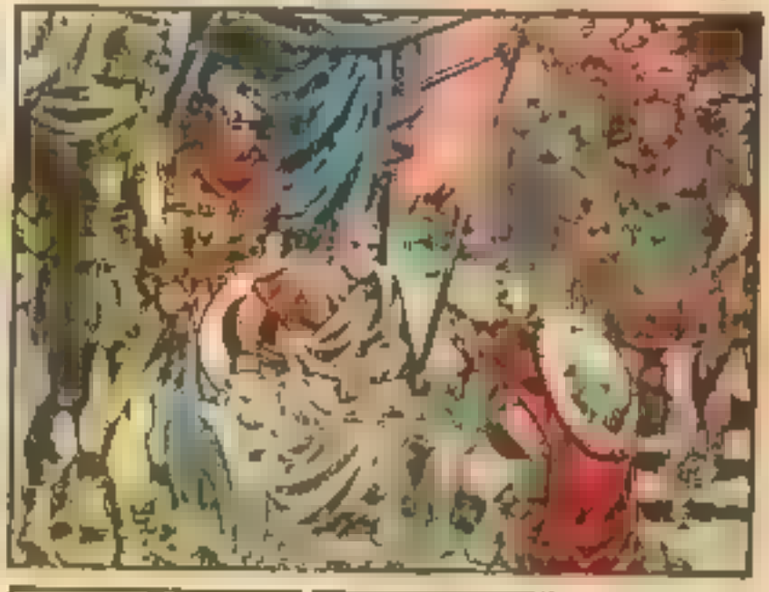
OUR BENEATH THE EARTH THEY DUG A TUNNEL TOWARD THE UNDERGROUND SPRING THAT WAS THE *WATER SUPPLY*!

AND SO ONE DAY THE *WATER SUPPLY* OF JERUSALEM SUDDENLY STOPPED, LIKE A FAUCET *TURNED OFF!*



RATHER THAN DIE OF THIRST THE DEFENDERS CHOSE SURRENDER AND THEY MARCHED DOWN FROM THE TEMPLUM TO JULIUS *CAESAR!*

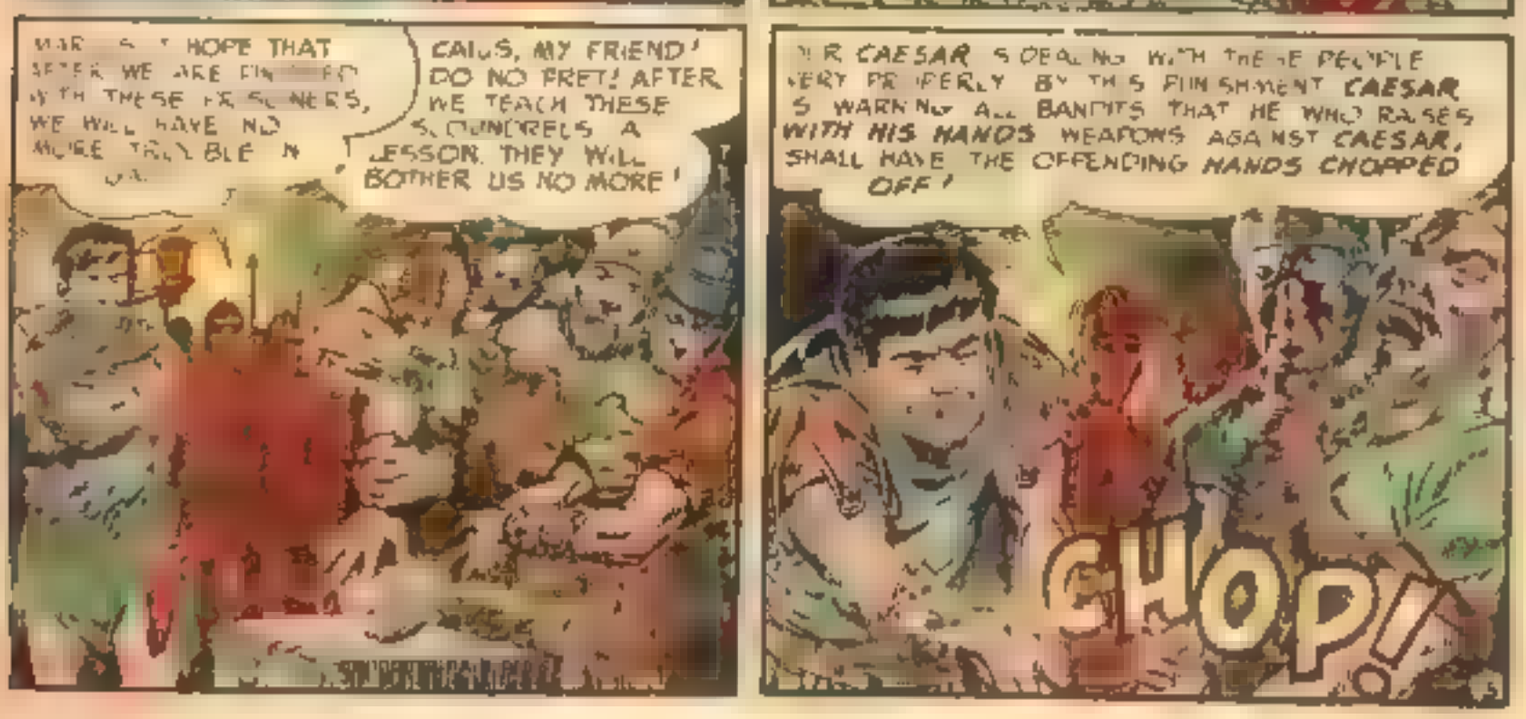
AND WHEN THEY DELIVERED THEIR SWORDS TO *CAESAR*, THEY TREMBLED FOR THEY SAW NO MERCY THEY SAW NO PARDON IN CAESARS EYES!



MARCUS I HOPE THAT AFTER WE ARE FINISHED WITH THESE PRISONERS, WE WILL HAVE NO MORE TROUBLE IN JUDEA.

CAIUS, MY FRIEND! DO NO FRET! AFTER WE TEACH THESE SCOUNDRELS A LESSON, THEY WILL BOTHER US NO MORE!

CAESAR SPEAKS WITH THESE PEOPLE VERY PROPERLY BY THIS PUNISHMENT *CAESAR* SENDS WORD TO ALL BANDITS THAT HE WHO RAISES *WITH HIS HANDS* WEAPONS AGAINST *CAESAR*, SHALL HAVE THE OFFENDING *HANDS CHOPPED OFF!*



IN 44 B.C AFTER A CAREER OF BRILLIANT CONQUESTS, DICTATOR *CAESAR* CAME BACK TO ROME AND RULED THE ROMAN SENATE! HE WAS *ALL POWERFUL*...

...AND THE SENATORS KNEW IT AND THEY DISLIKED IT. AND ON THE FIFTEENTH OF MARCH THEY DECIDED TO *DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!*

THE ASSASSINATION OF CAESAR WENT LIKE THIS! FIRST A SENATOR NAMED *TILLIUS* KNELT BEFORE *CAESAR!*

HE PRETENDED TO ASK A FAVOR, BUT INSTEAD HE *SEIZED CAESAR'S TOGA* AND *PULLED IT AWAY!*

THIS WAS A SIGNAL AND ANOTHER SENATOR NAMED *CASCA* AIMED A DAGGER AT *CAESAR'S* THROAT *AND MISSED!*

THEN *CASCA'S BROTHER* SHOVED HIS KNIFE INTO *CAESAR'S* SIDE. NOW *THE BLOOD WAS DRAWN!*

AND NOW THE *LUST WAS UP!* TRY AS HE MIGHT TO BEAT HIS WAY TO SAFETY, *CAESAR COULD NOT!*

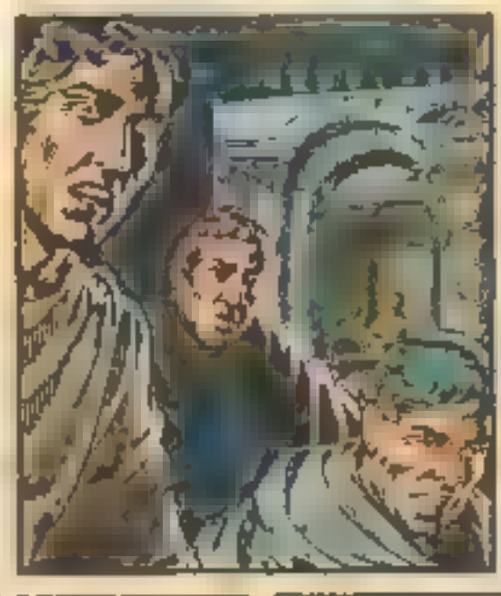
AND NOW HE WAS STABBED IN THE FACE, IN THE STOMACH AND THE END WAS DRAWING CLOSE!

NOW ALL THE CONSPIRING SENATORS WERE BRAVE, AND THEY RUSHED IN TO PLUNGE THIER DAGGERS INTO THE DYING CAESAR!

IT WAS OVER VERY SOON WHERE ALL HAD BEEN VIOLENCE A MOMENT BEFORE THERE NOW EXISTED A DESERTED QUIET AND JULIUS CAESAR WAS DEAD!

FOR YOU SEE THE SENATORS HAD RUSHED OUT OF THE BUILDING IN TERROR AND RIOT AND CONFUSION!

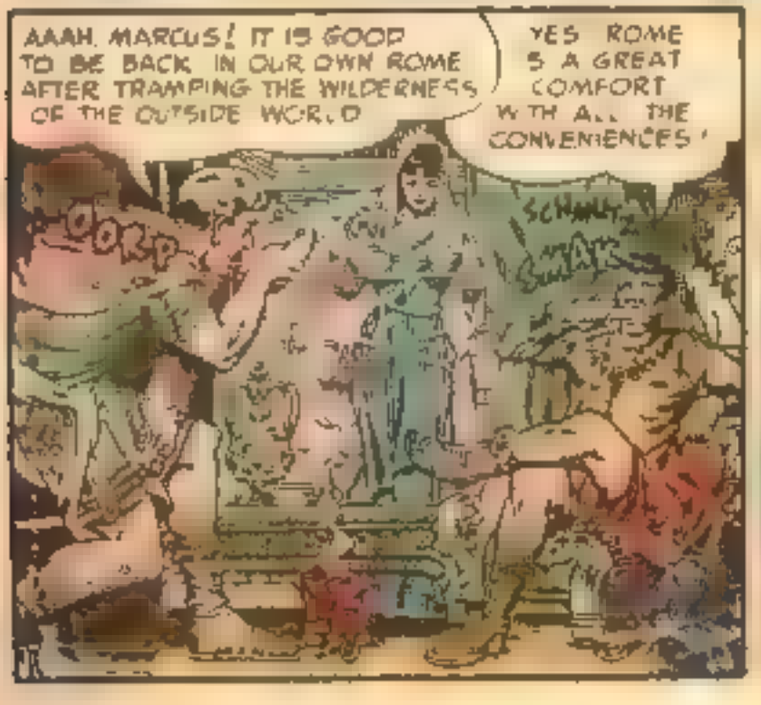
RUSHED OUT INTO THE STREETS THEIR TOGAS SPLASHED WITH BLOOD LIKE BUTCHERS' APRONS



RUSHED OUT TO SPREAD THE NEWS! AND IN A LOCAL COOK SHOP TWO SOLDIERS SAT EATING, UNAWARE!

AAAH, MARCUS! IT IS GOOD TO BE BACK IN OUR OWN ROME AFTER TRAMPING THE WILDERNESS OF THE OUTSIDE WORLD

YES ROME IS A GREAT COMFORT WITH ALL THE CONVENIENCES!



THINK OF THE BARBARIANS LIVING IN THE WILD LANDS OUT THERE NO LITERATURE NO THEATRE NO CULTURE! HERE WE LIVE THE HIGHEST FORM OF LIFE POSSIBLE TELL ME CAIUS AREN'T YOU GLAD WE ARE CIVILIZED?

E.C. FANS!

YOU'VE WRITTEN!
YOU'VE TELEGRAPHED!
YOU'VE PHONED!
YOU'VE THREATENED US!

SO HERE IT IS! THE MAGAZINE
YOU'VE DEMANDED!

ANOTHER
NEW TREND
SURE-FIRE WINNER!
ON SALE NOW
AT ALL NEWSSTANDS!

TUBRIDY'S TRIUMPH!

Fear God, Honor the Queen, keep gun and barracks spotless clean!
On payday get drunk ONCE no more and every night pray for war

Corporal Patrick Tubridy of Her Majesty's Army in India sat in the noonday sun at the parade-grounds. He watched the recruits he had trained as they passed in full marching order. Their measured step was music to his Hibernian heart. He pushed the pith helmet back on his head and held the warm bowl of his clay pipe in the hollow of his hand. From the helmet he took a pouch of Canteen 'baccy to which he had already added sweet Irish tobacco. His dear aged mother sent it to him regularly from County Clare. The gentle aroma of this mixture tended to deaden some of the reek of the Canteen plug. It was like spicing rotten meat! Whenever Tubridy smoked he thought of his mother. She smoked Shamrock brand, too!

Tubridy was joined by his barracks-mate, Private Clements. Tubridy pointed proudly at the new-born soldiers. "Faith them bhoys is a credit to the Quane an' the Coort an' the ng mint. They be fairly wo..d and fereshus for a new breed av d vil.

"I was over Rangapur way this morning and I heard tell how the Maharajah is giving his daughter, Princess Amitra in marriage to that dacoit jackal Maharajah Jungari! Her wedding party leaves for Jungari's palace in two days. I saw her palanquin—the litter she is to be carried in—in the courtyard of her father. It is of a size that requires eight strong bearers under the poles. I could not see into it because its beautiful golden brocaded curtains were closed. But the doors were made of cedar, covered with lacquer, and adorned with the legends of all the Hindu gods and goddesses!"

"I swore by the Hark angel I'd ave 'ha blayguard Jungari's head broke in one o' these days! 'Tis me boy's first gift for a weddin' present!"

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Maharajah Jungari had amassed his wealth as a leader of DACOITS, bands of men in India who live by robbery. They resemble the thugs in that a slight religious element

seems to enter into their conduct, but plunder, and not murder, is their guiding motive.

Corporal Tubridy had been a "guest" of the Maharajah, less than a year ago. He had been on a seven day leave and was hunting peacocks in the scrub forests near Jungari's realm. He had bagged five peacocks. The skins would buy him plenty of beer back at the Canteen! Unfortunately, Jungari's guards caught him with the sacred birds. He was forced to accept Jungari's hospitality which included the best of foods and wines. He was a virtual prisoner for over a week. The unctuous host had calculated that the soldier would over-stay his leave and be charged with desertion! When he did release him, he kept his boots, his Martini rifle and the five peacocks. Tubridy arrived at camp with swollen feet. He managed to explain the loss of his boots through pure blarney, but when he was chided about his missing rifle, he resorted to the buckle-end of his belt.

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As luck would have it, Corporal Tubridy was due for another leave. That night, when the cantonment lay in darkness, Tubridy sought out eight trusted native youths. He whispered brief instructions in Hindu to them. All nine went down the road to Rangapur.

The palanquin carried by eight men stood at Jungari's gates at sunrise. Jungari was somewhat surprised his maharanee-to-be had arrived before the rest of her retinue. However, being anxious to draw back the golden curtains in the privacy of his inner quarters, he dismissed his attendants and ordered the bearers to follow him with the closed litter. The palanquin was carried into a room adorned with rare tapestries, silks and PEACOCK SKINS. The walls held knives and guns—among them a MARTINI rifle.

When the massive doors closed on the departing bearers, Jungari started to part the golden curtains. Cobra-swift, a white-knuckled fist shot out of the folds, jarring Jungari loose from his white turban. He sank in a heap on the polished floor. Minutes later, the bewildered guards at the portals saw the palanquin pass through and continue down the road from whence it came.

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In the barracks Tubridy's cot was covered with the plumage of peacocks. His old Martini rifle had been replaced in the rack next to his new one. Tubridy was filling his pipe and watching the new batch of raw recruits that marched past the barracks.

Them uns av the innocense o' new borrun babes

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FRONT LINES

Dear Editors,

I think you people forget how the guys on the front get their supplies. I'm in a truck company and we're the boys that deliver ammunition and supplies to the infantrymen. The communists hate us as much as they do the infantry! We never get to shoot at the enemy on the front, but his friends in the rear sure give us a hard time! They just love to sit on some high hill and shoot at a convoy as it goes by. The driver never knows where the shots are coming from unless he stops, but there's hardly a driver that will stop. Instead we just feed the truck a little more gas and get out of that area in a hurry! I hope you will give us a little credit!

Pfc Elmer J. Bellemeur
Korea

Pfc. Bellemeur is entitled to more than a LITTLE credit! There are many obscure branches of our armed forces doing big jobs and getting little recognition. FRONTLINE COMBAT will do stories on as many of these services as possible, when possible! —ed

Dear Editors,

How can you guys keep up such good stories? I read one and think, "They'll NEVER get a better one than this!" Then I read another and it's just as good—or better! How long can this go on?

Larry Trusten
[illegible]

HOW LONG CAN THIS GO ON?

This is your editor's nightmare! Very often, in the middle of the night, we wake with a start, shrieking those very words! —ed

Dear Editor

In FRONTLINE COMBAT No. 6 I noticed in the story "A Prayer" some drawings of a machine gun. I looked up machine guns in an encyclopedia. I saw a Browning 30 cal. machine gun that looked exactly like the one in the story. GOOD WORK!

Robert Lunt, Jr.
Cape Elizabeth, Maine

I don't know if anybody else has noticed it or not but when you draw an M-1 or any other weapon or piece of equipment, they look exactly like the McCoy!

John Morrissey
[illegible]

After one of our many trips to army camps, airplane factories, etc., we often sit back and wonder... *does anyone care?!* Does all our "blood, sweat, and tears research mean anything...? Then letters like the above come along, and everything is right with the world! —ed

Dear Editors,

On the front of FRONTLINE COMBAT No. 6, a soldier is saying, "Hey boy... ain't no PX back there!" I didn't understand what "PX" meant.

Ray Hauk
Newburgh, Ohio

PX is a term that became popular in World War II. PX is an abbreviation of "Post Exchange"... the name for the army store... where a G.I. can get himself anything from a beer to a comic book! —ed

Dear Editors,

I like airplane stories. I haven't seen many lately, so will you put out more plane stories?

Jim Whalen
Oak[illegible] N.Y.

I never thought I'd write a comic book editor, but I couldn't resist. I wish you could print more First World War stories like "Ace."

Carl Cohen
Bronx, N.Y.

We hope you like the airplane story featured in this issue! In TWO-FISTED TALES No. 29, we're running a story on Baron Manfred von Richthofen, the German ace of World War I. We're sure you'll enjoy it! —ed.

Dear Editors,

I hope some day you will have a story in your magazine about the great conflict between the North and the South during the Civil War!

Norman Stanforce
Syracuse, N.Y.

This brings up an item that we are very excited about! At the moment, we are planning a whole collectors series of stories on the Civil War. The first issue of the series will be FRONTLINE COMBAT No. 9, which will tell of the first blood shed in the Civil War. We're very anxious to see how you readers will receive this series, and we'll welcome your reactions to this project! —ed

Dear Editors,

If you are going to charge a 75c subscription rate for 6 issues, how do you expect people to subscribe when we get comics at newsstands for 10c apiece?

Robert Burke
Elizabeth, N.J.

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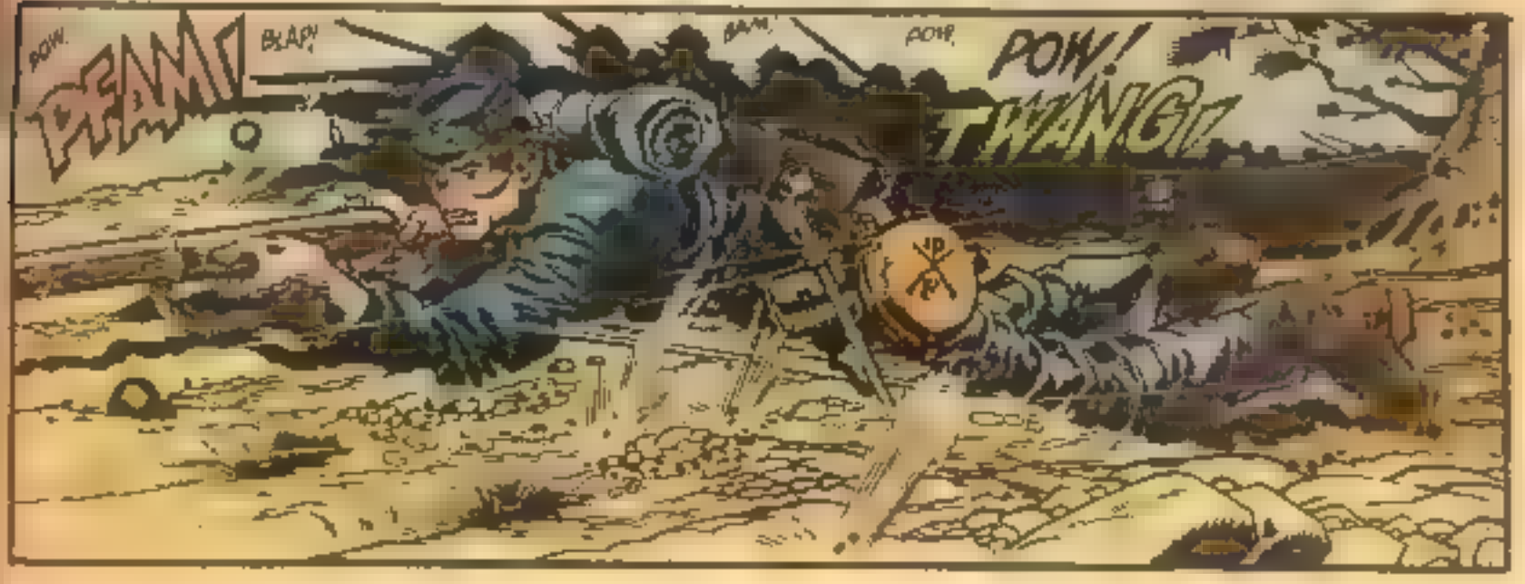
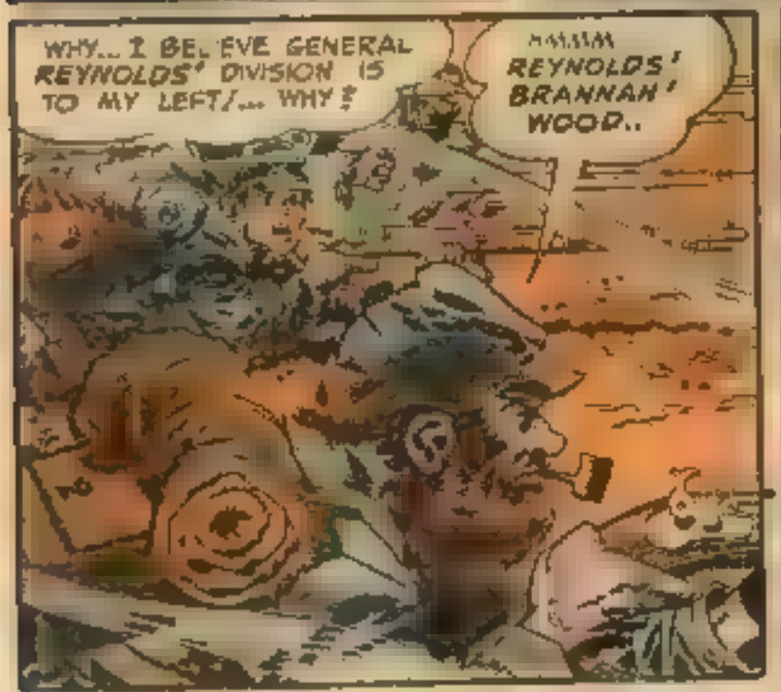
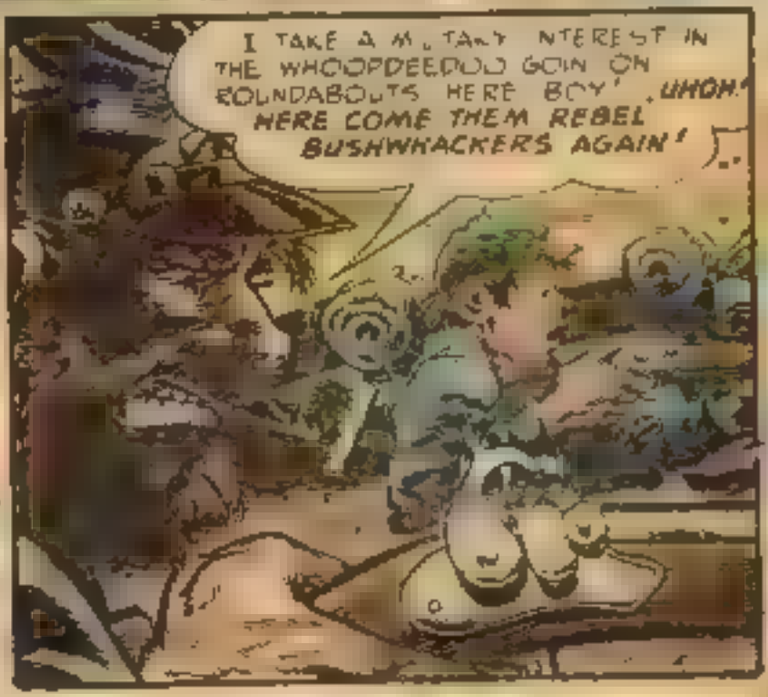
SNAFU! THIS WAS A TERM INVENTED BY G.I'S IN WORLD WAR II! IT MEANS SITUATION NORMAL ALL FOULED UP! NOT THAT SITUATIONS WEREN'T NORMALLY FOULED UP BEFORE WORLD WAR II! LET US TELL YOU OF A SNAFU THAT TOOK PLACE IN THE CIVIL WAR! LET US TELL YOU OF THE SNAFU AT..

CHICKAMAUGA!

THIS WAS THE START OF THE SNAFU! THE NORTHERN TROOPS WERE TRYING TO CUT OFF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE FROM THE SOUTHERN TROOPS SEPTEMBER 19 1863 FOUND BOTH ARMIES FACING EACH OTHER ON CHICKAMAUGA CREEK SOMEWHERE IN THE LINE A YOUNG NORTHERN SOLDIER BOY LAY SIGHTING HIS RIFLE!



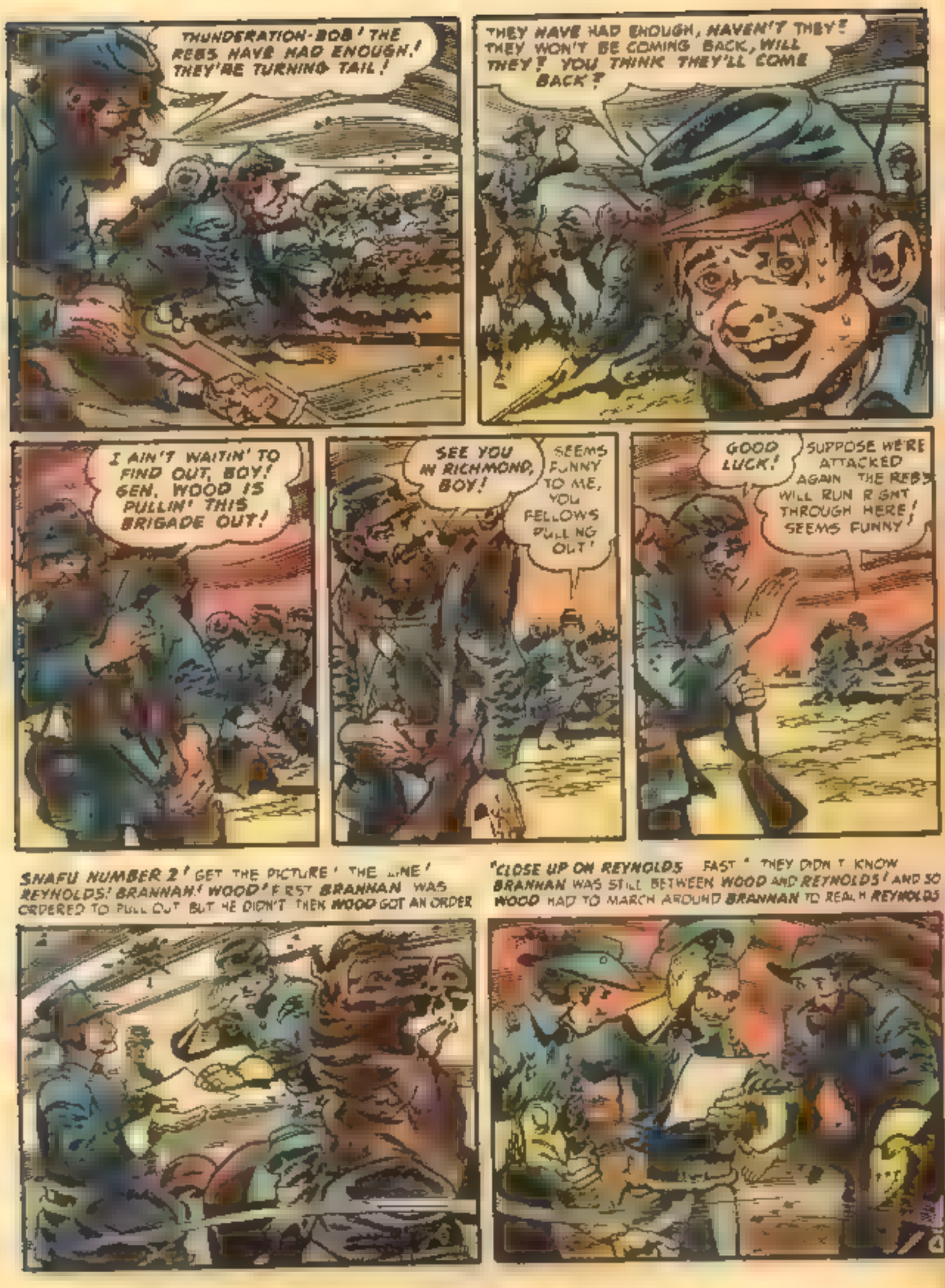


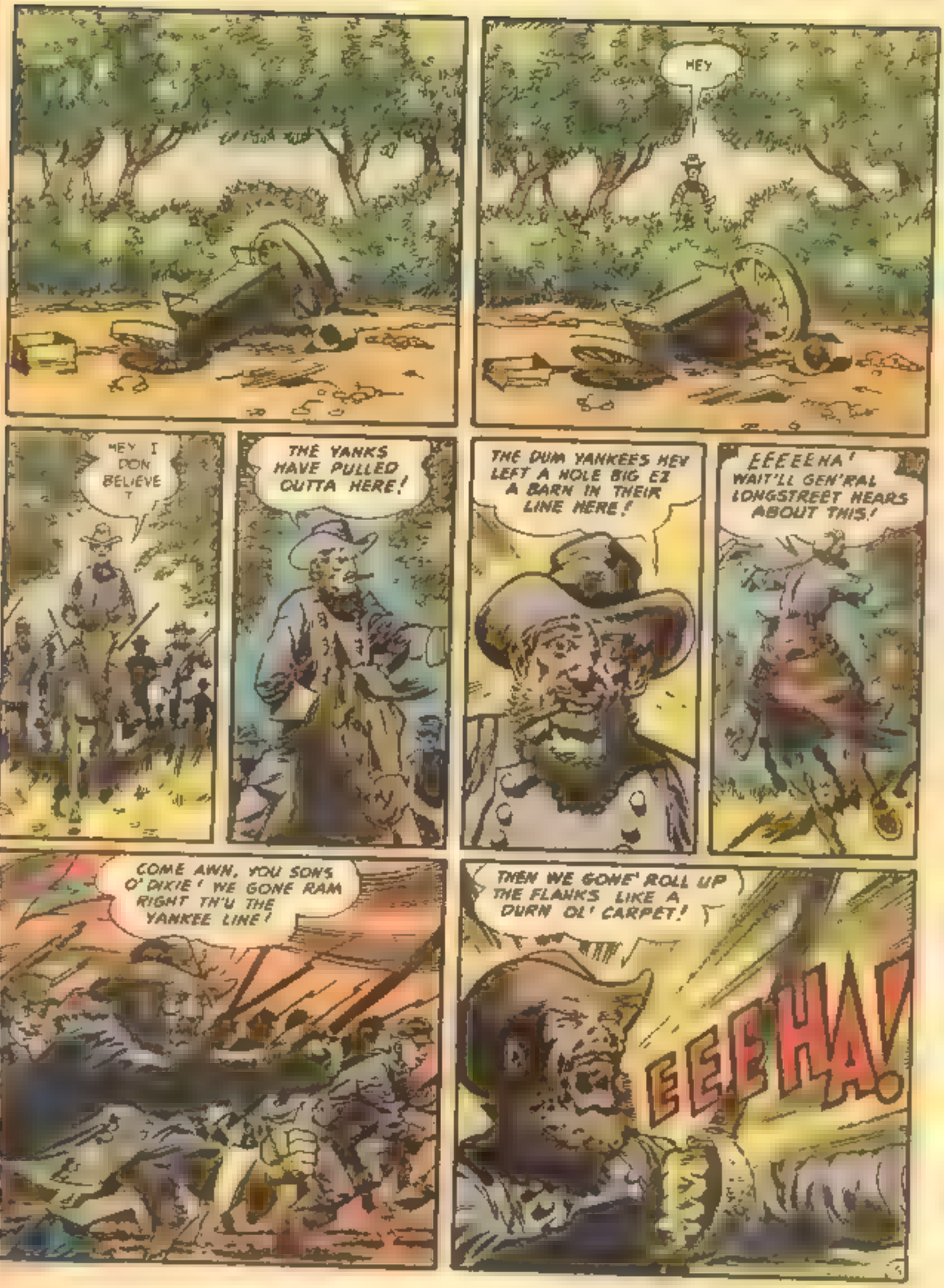

I TAKE A MILITARY INTEREST IN THE WHOOPDEEDOO GOIN ON ROUNDABOUTS HERE BOY'. UHOH! HERE COME THEM REBEL BUSHWHACKERS AGAIN!

AND NOW THE FIRST STEP IN THE SNAFU THE REBELS WERE ATTACKING AND SUDDENLY GEN BRANNAN RECEIVED AN ORDER TO PULL OUT AND REINFORCE THE LEFT BUT..

. BUT BRANNAN COULD NOT PULL OUT COULD NOT MOVE! FOR HE TOO WAS BEING ATTACKED! THE PLOT THICKENS! SNAFU NUMBER 1!

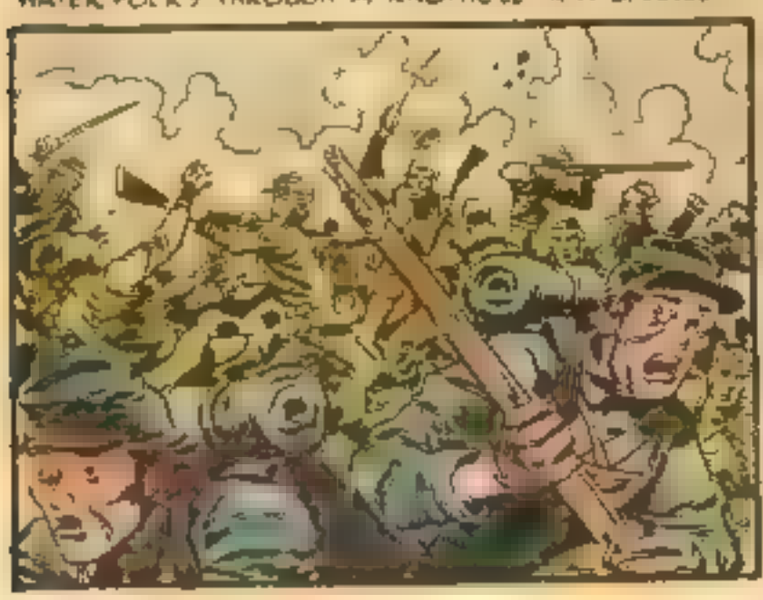
YIEEEHA!
COME AWN, BOYS!
LEMME HEAR Y'ALL GIVE A BIG REBEL YELL!
DRIVE THE O.. YANK'S BACK TO WASNINGTON!
GIVE THEM NEW YAWK STORE CLERKS THUNDER... AWK...
@☆?K-☆#
YANKEES! KILL 'EM! KILL 'EM!
DON'T STOP NOW, BOYS!
OH! MY FACE!
PULL BACK!
LE'S GIT OUTTA HAR!
THEY TH OWIN' WATERMELONS AT US!

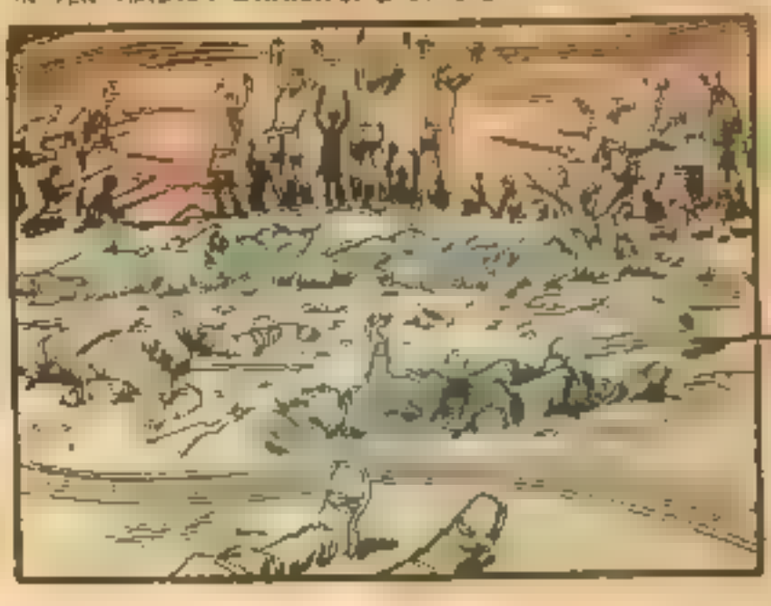

THUNDERATION-BOB! THE REBS HAVE HAD ENOUGH! THEY'RE TURNING TAIL!
THEY HAVE HAD ENOUGH, HAVEN'T THEY? THEY WON'T BE COMING BACK, WILL THEY? YOU THINK THEY'LL COME BACK?
I AIN'T WAITIN' TO FIND OUT, BOY! GEN. WOOD IS PULLIN' THIS BRIGADE OUT!
SEE YOU IN RICHMOND, BOY!
SEEMS FUNNY TO ME, YOU FELLOWS PULLING OUT!
GOOD LUCK!
SUPPOSE WE'RE ATTACKED AGAIN THE REBS WILL RUN RIGHT THROUGH HERE! SEEMS FUNNY!
SNAFU NUMBER 2! GET THE PICTURE! THE LINE! REYNOLDS! BRANNAN! WOOD! FIRST BRANNAN WAS ORDERED TO PULL OUT BUT HE DIDN'T THEN WOOD GOT AN ORDER
"CLOSE UP ON REYNOLDS FAST" THEY DIDN'T KNOW BRANNAN WAS STILL BETWEEN WOOD AND REYNOLDS! AND SO WOOD HAD TO MARCH AROUND BRANNAN TO REACH REYNOLDS


HEY
HEY I DON BELIEVE T
THE YANKS HAVE PULLED OUTTA HERE!
THE DUM YANKEES HEV LEFT A HOLE BIG EZ A BARN IN THEIR LINE HERE!
EEEEEHA! WAIT'LL GEN'RAL LONGSTREET HEARS ABOUT THIS!
COME AWN, YOU SONS O' DIXIE! WE GONE RAM RIGHT TH'U THE YANKEE LINE!
THEN WE GONE' ROLL UP THE FLANKS LIKE A DURN OL' CARPET!
EEEHA!

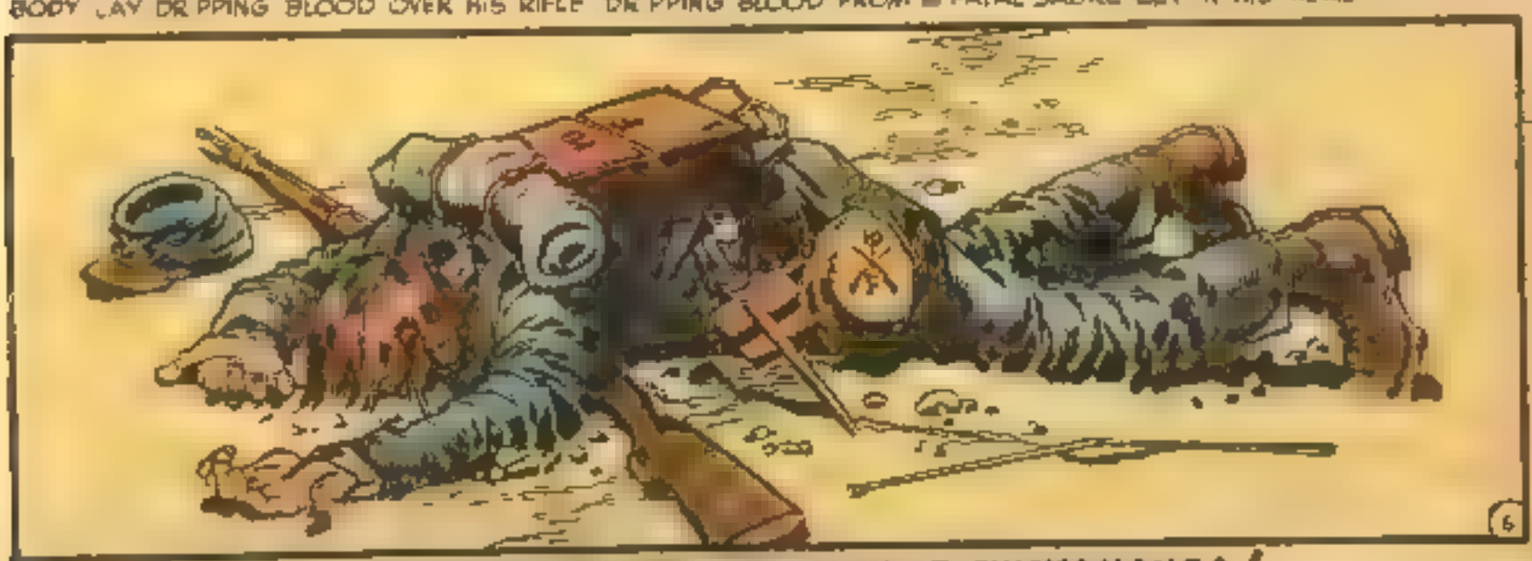
THAT'S THE WAY IT WAS! THE SOUTHERNERS POURED THROUGH THE GAP IN THE NORTHERN LINE LIKE WATER POURS THROUGH A KNOTHOLE IN A BARREL

THE SOUTHERNERS SPREAD LIKE A FAN BEHIND THE LINES OF THE NORTH, FALLING ON FLANK AND REAR! IN TEN MINUTES *BRANNAN'S* DIVISION WAS NO MORE!





A CONFEDERATE VICTORY! THE UNION ARMY LIMPED INTO CHATTANOOGA. THE SOUTH WAS TOO WOUNDED TO FOLLOW, FOR EACH SIDE HAD LOST 16,000 SOULS AND MORE! SOMEWHERE IN THE LINE WEST OF CHICKAMAUGA CREEK A BODY LAY DRIPPING BLOOD OVER HIS RIFLE DRIPPING BLOOD FROM A FATAL SABRE CUT IN HIS HEAD



AND THAT'S THE STORY OF THE SNAFU AT CHICKAMAUGA!

NIGHT PATROL!
GOOD LUCK
GOOD LUCK WE'LL NEED PLENTY OF THAT ALL RIGHT!
PAPPY, THE SERGEANT DOESN'T NEED LUCK HE'S HAD COMBAT EXPERIENCE HE'LL COME THROUGH
GOOD LUCK SERGEANT
AND LIKE JUNIOR THERE JUST OUTTA HIGH SCHOOL HE NEEDS ALL THE LUCK
GOOD LUCK SOLDIER
AND THAT GUY JAKE, EASY ON THE SUNDOWN NOTHING'LL HAPPEN TO HIM
GOOD LUCK

MY FRIEND LEDDY, THE COMEDIAN HE'S NOT ACTING FUNNY NOW
GOOD LUCK
LEDDY'D BETTER GET THE LEAD OUT ON THIS TRIP
GOOD LUCK SOLDIER
THANK YOU SIR
WELL HERE WE GO WE'VE GOT TO FIND OUT HOW MANY NORTH KOREANS ARE OUT THERE I WONDER IF I'LL GET BACK
I WONDER IF ANY OF US WILL GET BACK FIVE OF US WE HARDLY KNOW EACH OTHER YET WE'RE FOXHOLE BUDDIES
HOW'D WE GET HERE? A BUNCH OF REPLACEMENTS ONE DAY OUT OF JAPAN, AND WHAM! THEY THROW US INTO THE LINE
TWO SECONDS LATER WE'RE OUT ON A PATROL! THINGS ARE ROUGH RIGHT NOW AND I GUESS THAT'S THE WAY IT'S GOT TO BE
ONE DAY OUT OF JAPAN! I HAVE A FEELING THIS IS IT I'M NOT COMING BACK I HAVE A FEELING I'M GONNA DIE!

T'S PITCH BLACK WE MIGHT BE RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NORTH KOREAN ARMY FOR ALL WE KN...
SET! HOLD IT UP!
SPLASH!
DRIZZLE-DRIZZLE
DRIZZLE-DRIZZLE-DRIZZLE
DRIZZLE
WIII ZZIIZ WIII
LISTEN THERE'S SOMETHIN UP AHEAD ALL RIGHT!
HOW FAR AHEAD WE CAN'T TELL! I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD WITH JAKE AND SEE WHAT THE SCORE IS
JUNIOR STAN' LEDDY! YOU GUYS STAND READY TO LAY A COVERING FIRE OVER US IF THERE'S TROUBLE
YOU READY JAKE?.. FOLLOW ME
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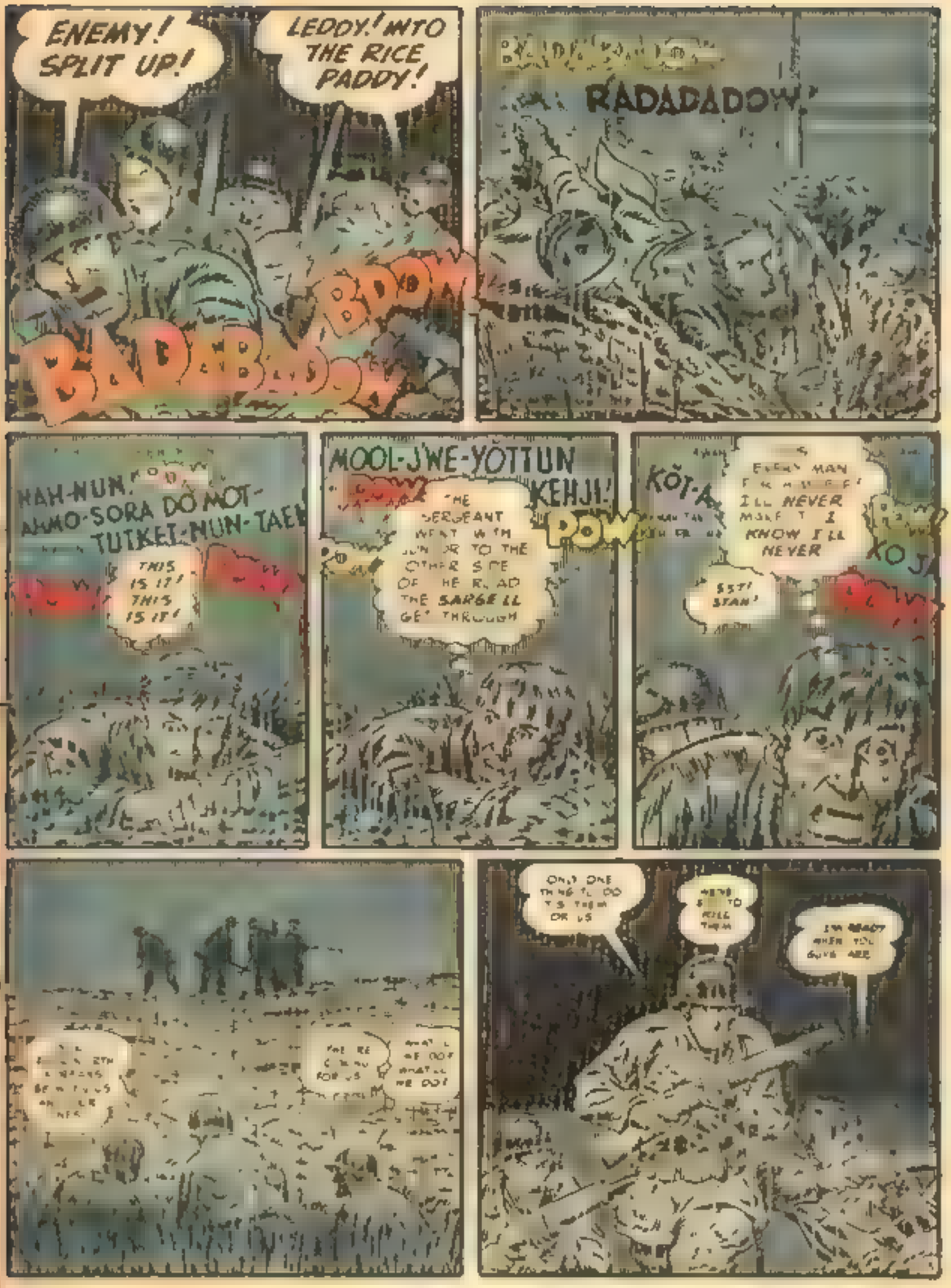
LAY A COVERING FIRE?! WE CAN'T SEE TEN FEET AHEAD HOW CAN WE LAY A COVERING FIRE?
AWW DON'T WORRY JUNIOR I'M GOING TO HALT THIS WAR HERE AND NOW MY G I INSURANCE ISN'T PAID UP YET
WHAT I WANT TO KNOW IS IS THIS TRIP REALLY NECESSARY?
SH SOMEONE'S COMING
TAKE IT EASY, JUNIOR! IT'S THE SERGEANT AND LAKE
WHAT'D YOU SEE UP THERE, PAPPY?
NORTH KOREANS! WE SAW 'EM ALL RIGHT DUG IN BY THAT KOREAN BURYING GROUND ON THE SLOPE
THERE WAS A WHOLE BUNCH OF EM MAKING PLENTY NOISE I'D SAY THEY HAD A COMPANY DUG IN UP THERE.
THAT'S WHAT WE CAME HERE TO FIND OUT LET'S GO HOME!
AAW JUST WHEN I WAS GETTING TO LIKE IT OUT HERE
I'M GLAD THAT'S OVER NOTHING TO THIS PATROLLING!
IT'S NOT QUITE OVER YE
WHUZZAT?
JATEKAN JÓ ÁMEN KANING ENSÖ.
CLINK!
SPLOSH!
SPLOSH!


ENEMY! SPLIT UP!
LEDDY! INTO THE RICE PADDY!
BADABADABOOM
RADADADOW!
NAH-NUN! AHMO-SORA DO MOT-TUTKEI-NUN-TAE
THIS IS IT! THIS IS IT!
MOOL-J'WE-YŎTTUN KEHJI!
POW
THE SERGEANT WENT WITH JUNIOR TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ROAD THE SARGE'LL GET THROUGH
KŎT-A
EVERY MAN I'LL NEVER MAKE IT I KNOW I'LL NEVER
SST! STAN!
ONLY ONE THING TO DO IT'S THEM OR US
WE'VE GOT TO KILL THEM
I'M READY WHEN YOU GUYS ARE

LET'S GET THE [illegible]!!
BAM!
BAM!
BAM!
BAM!
ONE OF 'EM'S RUNNIN' AWAY!
NEVER MIND, JAKE! LET'S GET THE [illegible] OUT OF HERE!
RUN, LEODY! RUN! RUN!
BOW!
BANG!
ALMOST BACK! (PUFF) ALMOST BACK! (PUFF)
RUN!
ZOWIE
ZING
POW!
. GASP: KEEP GOIN! (PUFF) GO! GASP: GO
ZANG!
HALT!
DOG!
BARK! DON'T SHOOT! COUNTERSIGN IS BARK!
MADE IT MAN WE MADE IT!
AND WE'VE GOT ALL THE INFORMATION FOR YOU GUYS
ALL THE INFORMATION I WANT IS WHICH DIRECTION IS MY SACK?

IT'S MORNING! WONDER HOW LONG I'VE BEEN SLEEPING! IT'S NOT RAINING! BEAUTIFUL SUNNY MORNING!
HEY STAN! ...RISE AND SHINE!
LEDDY! HE ALWAYS MANAGES TO BE CHEERFUL! IT CERTAINLY IS A BEAUTIFUL DAY! I CAN EVEN HEAR A BIRD SINGING!
YOU'RE UP JUST IN TIME TO WATCH THE SHOW, STAN! THE OUTFIT'S GOING OUT TO TAKE CARE OF THAT NORTH KOREAN COMPANY!
RINGSIDE SEATS! I CAN WATCH THE WHOLE COUNTRYSIDE FROM THIS HILL! PEACEFUL LOOKING! COOL AND GREEN!
YOU'D NEVER KNOW THERE WAS A WAR GOING ON IF THE SOLDIERS WEREN'T WALKING OUT THERE!
PRETTY HILLS! ACH! A PHONY! A FAKE! THE HILLS ARE FULL OF SOLDIERS AND DEAD BODIES! I WONDER IF THE SERGEANT AND JUNIOR MADE IT BACK?
NOBODY'S HEARD FROM OR SEEN THE SERGEANT AND JUNIOR! DO YOU THINK SOMEHOW THAT THEY'RE STILL ALIVE, STAN? MAYBE LATER WE CAN SEND A LETTER WITH THEIR NAMES TO HIGH HEADQUARTERS AND FIND OUT IF THEY GOT BACK SOMEWHERE, HUH, STAN?
DON'T THINK SO, LEDDY!
WE... WE DIDN'T EVEN GET TO KNOW THEIR LAST NAMES!

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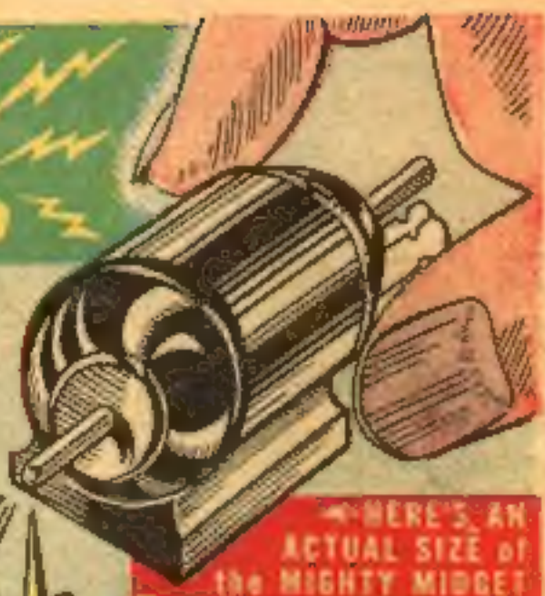

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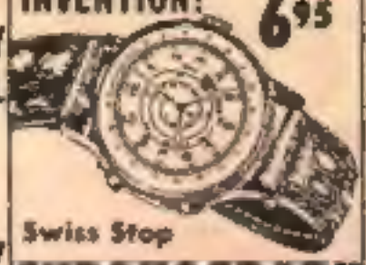

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